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SUBJECT: CONSTRUCTION AGGREGATES CLAIM AGAINST GOVERNMENT OF
DOMINICA

REFS: A) BRIDGETOWN 1496 B) STATE 154866

1. ACCORDING TO OPIC/WASHINGTON (MS. WISS), DOMINICA ATTORNEY
GENERAL LEO AUSTIN MAINTAINS THE GOVERNMENT OF DOMINICA HAS
ASKED THE CDB FOR A LOAN TO COVER THE COST (APPROXIMATELY
US \$236 THOUSAND) OF SETTLING THE CONSTRUCTION AGGREGATES
CLAIM. ACCORDING TO WISS, AUSTIN MADE THE REQUEST DIRECTLY
TO CDB PRESIDENT DEMAS.

2. INFORMAL SOUNDINGS AT THE CDB INDICATE THAT THE BANK
KNOWS THE GOD WOULD LIKE THE CLAIM PAYMENT FINANCED BUT THE
BANK DOESN'T WANT TO MAKE THE LOAN. BANK OFFICIALS DISCLAIM
ANY KNOWLEDGE OF A FORMAL APPLICATION BY THE GOD.

3. AS WE HAVE REPORTED EARLIER, WE HAVE ON SEVERAL OCCASIONS
DISCUSSED THE GOD'S PROBLEM WITH THE CDB AND INFORMALLY
SUGGESTED THAT A LOAN TO DOMINICA WOULD ENABLE THE ISLAND TO
PAY THE CLAIM AND THEREBY ESCAPE A BAD CREDIT RATING ON
INDEPENDENCE DAY. HOWEVER WE ARE NOT PREPARED TO PRESS THE
ISSUE--AS OPIC WOULD LIKE-- UNLESS THE DEPT CONCURS.

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4. BASED ON OUR CONTACTS AT THE BANK, A SETTLEMENT-
ENABLING LOAN IS NOT LIKELY UNLESS SERIOUS PRESSURE IS
APPLIED TO THE BANK'S MANAGEMENT. EVEN THEN THE BANK
MAY WELL DECLINE TO ASSIST DOMINICA. THE
CDB'S RELUCTANCE TO HELP APPEARS TO HAVE THREE BASES:
A) A FEELING THE GOD SHOULD HAVE ATTEMPTED TO REDUCE

THE CLAIM BY ARBITRATION AS CONTRACTUALLY PROVIDED FOR,
B) CDB STAFF HOSTILITY TOWARDS DOMINICA, PARTIALLY IN RESPONSE
TO THE GOD'S UNDISGUISED ILL FEELINGS TOWARD THE BANK, AND
C) WORKING LEVEL ANTAGONISM TOWARDS THE PRIVATE SECTOR IN
GENERAL AND U.S. FIRMS IN PARTICULAR.

5. EMBASSY WILL TAKE NO FURTHER ACTION UNTIL INSTRUCTED.
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